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Delays dog Village apartment project

UTM Housing thanks students for patience, understanding

Heather Roland
Asst. News Editor

Whoever said, "A little bit of rain never hurt anyone," apparently did not work on the construction site that posed a major problem to the completion of University Village, UTM's newest edition to on-campus apartment housing.

University Village was scheduled to be completed at the end of Summer, 2005, allowing students to become residents in the fall semester. However, there were initial problems that have significantly delayed its completion.

First, the state fire marshal had concerns with some design issues which had to be dealt with according to Tim Nipp, Construction

Manager for UTM. Soon after the contract was finally awarded, University Village encountered its second major problem—rain. After a significant rainy period, the construction site became muddy. However, Searcy Construction of Union City, contractor for University Village, made numerous efforts to persevere through these problems.

Nipp said that Searcy Construction built gravel roads on the construction site in order for their equipment, as well as their employees, to continue working.

Nipp continued by saying that most contractors would have simply said that they could not work in these conditions; however, this was not the case for Searcy Construction. They contin-



MATTHEW MAXEY / The Pacer

Construction on the new apartment-style dormitories began Aug. 12, 2004. The project was slated to be completed by the end of summer.

ued to work diligently.

"They have kept fighting through this," Nipp said. "They have kept focus on getting to the end."

Of the five buildings, B Building is scheduled to be

completed first with only minor punch list items to be completed. Director of Housing Earl Wright is anticipating its completion by September 20 or close thereafter.

"It is hard to give a concrete date now," Wright said in regard to the completion of the remaining four buildings.

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Higher Education Funding

Tuition hike offsets cost of services

Rebecca McClure

Asst. Arts & Entertainment Editor

As many Tennessee college students are well aware, tuition costs this fall are increasing across the state. The UT Board of Trustees approved a 9.7 percent increase in tuition costs for UTM in June 2005.

This increase means that undergraduate students at UTM will pay \$171 more per semester, which will be about \$342 more than last academic year. After the change, the cost of tuition and fees for those who attend UTM is now \$2,246.50 per semester.

The 9.7 percent increase in tuition also applies to graduate students and to New College, UTM's online degree program. This amount is below the proposed 13 percent increase originally recommended by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Students at other state universities are also facing increased tuition costs, most of which are greater than UTM's 9.7 percent increase. UT Knoxville now costs \$271 more per semester than last year, at \$2,645 each semester. The University of Memphis saw one of the highest increases, with tuition costing students \$302 more per semester, at a total of \$2,542 per semester. UT Chattanooga and MTSU also had significant increases this fall, with students now paying \$2,300 per semester at MTSU and \$2,250 at UT Chattanooga.

On the UTM campus, the amount of the increase in tuition is earmarked to be used for overall technology and education purposes.

The increased tuition costs are "giving us the ability to look for the teachers we need," says Carroll Lewis, UTM Bursar at the Office of Business Affairs. According to Lewis, this money will be used primarily to "meet our budget needs" as a campus. One result of this would be that the university would have a greater ability to be more competitive in attracting the most qualified instructors to the UTM campus, Lewis said.

Nevertheless, this rise in tuition costs comes much to the dismay of many students. "I see the increase, but I don't see where it's going," says Mindy Parman, a senior chemistry major. "I am getting the same education as freshman year, but I am paying more for it."

However, some students are choosing to find a bright side to the situation in spite of the increased costs.

"I definitely don't like it," says Sarah Fiser, a sophomore elementary education major. "We still have to buy food, pay for car insurance and now worry about paying more [for tuition]. But it will teach us how to manage our money better."

For many students, this rise in costs will be partially offset by the \$300 per person increase in the HOPE lottery scholarship. This increase was voted into effect by the Tennessee General Assembly earlier this year.



Welcome Back

Kara Goddard (above), a PEP leader and a "Move-in Mania" volunteer, helps a student move into the dorms.

UTM Writing Center coordinator Jenna Wright (far right) helps carry a table while students roll the rest of their boxes into the rooms.

Regina Hammond (sitting) helps freshmen students pick up their Skyhawk Card and explains how to put money on them.



UTM moving up in national rankings

Jay Baker

Entertainment Writer

UTM increased its ranking for public universities in the south granting bachelor's and master's degrees in the 2006 edition of America's Best Colleges compiled by the U.S. News and World Report magazine.

UTM advanced three spots from last year's 23rd place ranking to tie for 20th place with University of North Florida in the same category this year.

The report comes after three consecutive years of record enrollment at UTM with a projected fourth coming up this fall. Setting a new record, 6,104 students enrolled for fall class-



es in 2004, followed by record enrollment for spring and summer semesters in 2005.

In its 2006 rankings UTM improved its scores in peer-assessment and its retention and graduation rates. Other categories used to determine rank-

ings include faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and the alumni giving rate. According to the magazine, the peer-assessment is the most important category.

"The U.S. News rankings are important, and I'm pleased that UTM's position in the rankings has improved the last two years," said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UTM chancellor. "Still, my primary concern is improving overall quality in academic programs and services so that our students receive the best education possible. We're making excellent progress in these areas."

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Our View

Editorial: Resist the urge to go home on weekends; enjoy Martin

In the last four years, the period of time prior to the beginning of classes allotted for freshmen to adjust to campus life has undergone numerous changes. We've seen the time dwindle from a full week to just three relevant days. Furthermore, it has been called Freshman Welcome Week, the Freshman Experience and we've heard rumblings of yet another chapter in this naming merry-go-round: First Year Experience.

There have been a lot of positive changes in the program. Rather than making mad dashes around campus, every student service has been consolidated into the UC. This is a great service to the weary parents chasing after their sons and daughters as they savor the first few hours of their college experience. In fact, the change was such a success that the lines were backed up through the hallways trying to get everything squared away. We suppose waiting in lines is better than sprints across the quad.

The name and focus of

the event should remain on a single goal: Keeping new students excited about UTM so that they return year after year. The retention numbers are poised to make a comeback, but there is still much more work to be done. Ending the "suitcase college" stigma associated with UTM requires a group effort of campus administrators, peer leaders and fellow students.

The vicious cycle of nobody staying on the weekends is only perpetuated by the attitude that nothing happens on the weekend because nobody stays. While there are no easy solutions, we must all come to a consensus opinion that low retention and bored, apathetic students are linked.

We eagerly await what the new academic year has in store to address this issue.

To our readers:

Share your ideas for dealing with retention by emailing us at pacer_opinions@utm.edu. We will publish your messages next Tuesday in our "Letters to the Editor" section.

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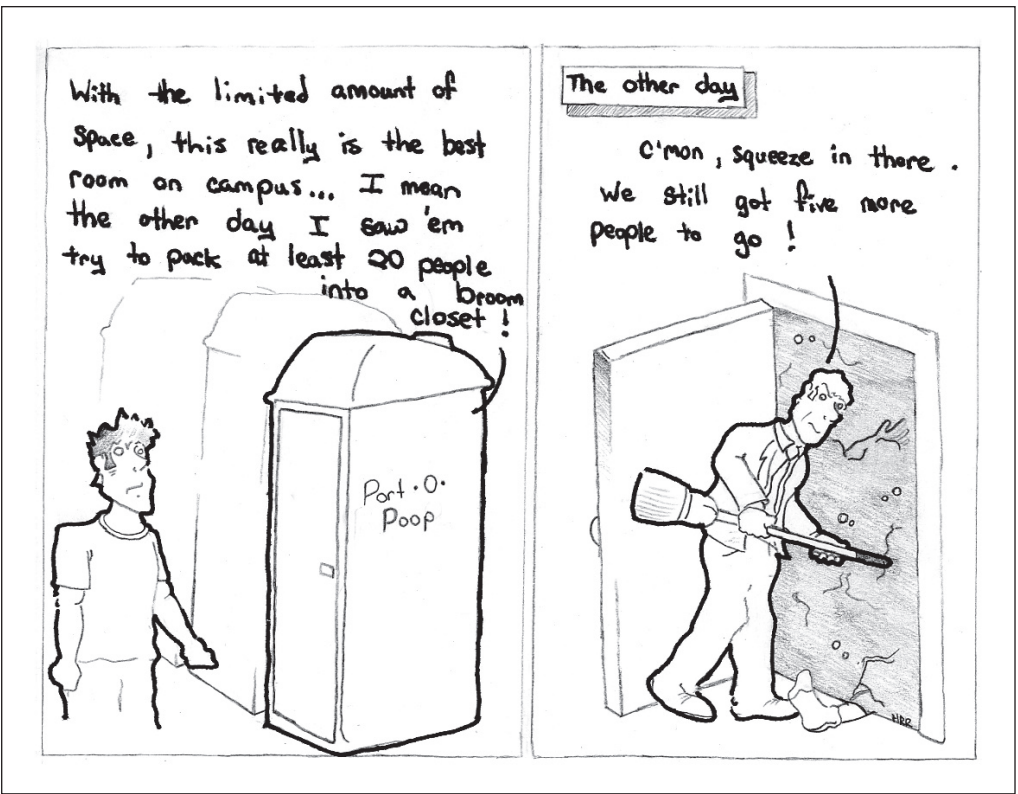
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Encouragement goes a long way

Recently, I was watching an old rerun of Walker, Texas Ranger. At the beginning of the show, a boy, who had been teased and bullied by a much larger boy and his girlfriend, was standing on the roof of his school, mentally preparing to jump. The boy was a young teenager, probably around 14 or 15 years of age.

Of course, Norris spotted the boy and, realizing the dilemma, raced to the roof to save him and despite Norris' best efforts, the boy jumped to his death. And all because of a bully.

In recent years, teenage suicide has more than doubled in the United States in children from 10 to 14 years of age and ranks as the



Theresa Oliver
Copy Editor

third leading cause of death for people under age 25, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. We must ask ourselves, why?

In the Walker episode, it was due to a bully. Even though this was a television show, in reality, it happens every day. And it happens right here at UTM when students speak badly of others. Wouldn't it be great if we as UTM students could learn to embrace the diversity of others instead of chastising them for being different?

After all, if we were all the same, it would be a pretty boring world.

Encouragement is the answer. It is just as easy to encourage as it is to discourage. It is just as easy to help as to hurt.

As fellow UTM students, we must encourage one another. After all, we are a family here at UTM as well.

A random act of kindness can go a long way. After all, there is a reason why suicide rates are up among teenagers. Although this is just one of the reasons why, let's work together to stop it right here at home. Let's accept the diversity of others, encourage one another and start this new semester off right.

A message for students displaced from Village

This letter originally appeared in the First Flight edition published for first time students last Thursday. The contents are being reprinted here as a service to the campus community. — Editor



Earl Wright
Director of Housing

to move boxes from their McCord residence, to their new apartment. Since University Village beds are full size, sheets will be provide at no cost during the McCord stay. The residents will use their own pillow, pillow case and blanket. A multi-plug outlet with a 15 foot cord and built in circuit breaker will be available for each resident while at McCord. A laundry card with a \$10.00 credit will be issued at no charge. A refrigerator/freezer/microwave unit will be provided in each suite at McCord for University Village residents during this interim period. Sodexo food services are working with students to assist the student while waiting for the Vil-

lage apartment kitchens to be operational. Campus Safety staff are addressing the parking questions for residents commuting from home while waiting for the apartments to be completed.

University Village residents have been given an opportunity to select a roommate while in McCord. Every effort has been made to place suitemates for the new apartments into McCord. Installation of carpeting in B Building should be completed any day, and completion of B building is expected around September 20. The C building will be next, followed by D and E buildings. The A building is expected to be the last building completed.

Earl Wright is the director of UTM Housing. He can be reached at ext. 7733 or houseme@utm.edu.



Elaine Wilson
Staff Columnist

Beginning the 'next chapter' in college

Welcome to UTM and to the beginning of the rest of your life. This year brings a new chapter in your life and only you have the power to decide what to do with it. Hopefully you're here because this is where you want to be, but you may be here because of parental pressure, because friends or family come here, or you didn't know what else to do and thought you'd try college. Beginning today you can decide how you want to live and whether you want to go through life simply getting by or whether you want to really live. No parents, friends or professors can do it for you. Only you can choose to have a life of meaning by how you give yourself to your passions and other people.

The world we live in and many people we know often measure success by the amount of money in our bank accounts and happiness with the newest and most expensive toy. But those things only have the meaning that you personally attach to them. No one wants to be money poor, especially me, and we all know that we need money to live on, but true success is within you and in creating a life of meaning and purpose that fills you and overflows into the world around you.

Attending college is a major step in your life, but it is only one of many to come. Here you'll have the opportunity to meet new people from different backgrounds, be exposed to and challenged by new ideas and honor your calling in this world. Put your heart into everything you do, whether it is getting good grades, volunteering or being a true friend.

Give things a chance and be open to finding an interest in something you'd never thought of before. Don't worry if you don't yet know where you belong. You're entitled to make mistakes. In time you'll begin to feel the right path to follow, as if you've finally come home. And when you do feel that calling, listen well. Pay attention to that feeling that energizes you and gives you a zest for life. Do what you love and use those gifts to give to others. Then you'll know true success.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING



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Belote named vice chancellor for student affairs

Staff Reports

Dr. Katherine High, former vice chancellor for student affairs, has accepted a position with the UT system. David Belote, UTM assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and director of student life, was appointed campus interim vice chancellor for student affairs by Dr. Nick Dunagan, UTM chancellor.

“David is a student affairs veteran, and he will do an outstanding job of directing a highly motivated team of professionals,” Dunagan said.

Belote is a UTM graduate and previously served as interim vice chancellor for student affairs in 2000-01. Since joining the university in 1976, he has worked in housing, athletics, campus recreation and student-life positions.

Belote is likely to serve as the interim vice chancellor for nearly a year, according to university officials.

“The search committee is slated to be formed in January with the goal of



High



Belote

having [the next vice chancellor] in place by next summer,” said Bud Grimes, director of University Relations.

High was named July 20 as the interim associate vice president for student life for the University of Tennessee system and will be located in Knoxville. The announcement was made by Dr. Robert Levy, UT system interim vice president for academic affairs. Her appointment became effective Aug. 1.

High leaves UTM where she was campus vice chancellor for student affairs since 2001. She has been with

the university since 1982 in various leadership capacities in Knoxville, including a time as chief of staff in the system administration.

Levy said the position is termed interim until standard process for the position can be completed.

High will work with all UT campuses to ensure students have access to services and resources that enhance accessibility and success in pursuit of their degrees.

“Katie High and I have worked together in various ways for many years, and I’m excited that we’ll be able to tackle some new challenges together,” Levy said.

Levy said, “Priorities will include P-16 initiatives and how students at one UT campus can benefit from other UT units’ services. These and other student-life issues are areas in which High has enormous expertise, including more than 20 years experience in higher education and a great understanding of the UT system.”

Theresa Woody named minority affairs director

Kevin Teets
Senior Reporter

TheOfficeofMulticultural Affairs has taken on a new name and a new leader. Teresa Woody was recently named the director of Minority Affairs, replacing Luther Mercer III who left the position last semester.

David Belote, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, says that Woody will be perfect for the job.

“Having Teresa Woody as director will allow UTM to focus on one of our major goals- to achieve an extraordinary degree of international, multicultural and multiracial integration,” Belote said.

Woody will work with the Black Student Association and the International Student Association to bring speakers to campus and offer events that will benefit the students of UTM.

This year Woody says she plans to bring about more co-sponsorship between groups on joint projects that encourage diversity on campus.

As for the challenges that face UTM concerning diversity and multiculturalism, Woody says they are the same that our society faces.

“Any university is a microcosm of the society around it and faces the same problems. Namely, I’m talking about the sheer logistics of getting different groups of people together to focus on an issue and then attempting to build a consensus or a workable compromise. Sometimes we just have to agree to disagree on an issue in a civil manner until it can be worked out,” Woody says.

Since 1998, Woody has



Woody

served as a library associate in technical services at the UTM Paul Meek Library. She has also held jobs in the community and was employed in the Office of International Programs while attending UTM. Woody earned a bachelor of arts in English with a minor in philosophy in 1997 and a master of science degree in community counseling in 2005, both from UTM.

Woody, who is a member of Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society and Alpha Kappa Alpha at UTM, says it is easy for her to recall her favorite part about attending UTM.

“My favorite part has been all the different friendships I’ve made over the years. One of the fun things about college life is all the colorful characters

you meet and the things you get into together,” Woody says.

The Pacer asked Woody what words of advice she has for students as it concerns multiculturalism.

“Be open to learning about other cultures and to sharing things about your own culture with others. You never know what you might find,” she says.

No direct indication was given as to why the office has changed from Multicultural Affairs to Minority Affairs.

“The university, like any other institution, is dynamic. Many organizational changes take place over time,” Woody says.

Woody’s office is in the Division of Student Affairs, located in the Hall Moody Administration Building. She may be contacted at 881-7282 or at twoody@utm.edu.

Delivery of *The Spirit* yearbook delayed indefinitely

Will York
News Editor

The yearbook for the 2004-2005 school year has faced several delays and failed to meet deadlines in the spring.

If deadlines would have been met, students would have been able to pick up their yearbooks during finals week in the spring.

But missed deadlines and computer problems have delayed publication until an unknown future date.

To compound the problem, Jim Bruce, last year’s adviser to *The Spirit*, UTM’s student-run yearbook, resigned in the spring, leaving Tomi McCutchen Parrish, the current adviser, to oversee the completion of both last year’s and this year’s yearbooks.

Parrish said that last fall’s deadlines were met, but problems emerged in the spring semester with paid staff members submitting pages in a timely manner.

Staff members worked through the summer, but as of press time, only 91 of 244 pages have been sent to the

publisher, the Marceline, Mo.-based Walsworth Publishing Company. Walsworth specializes in printing school yearbooks.

Kevin Anderson, last year’s editor for *The Spirit*, told Parrish that many pages were saved on the yearbook’s computer, but now a computer accident has caused the pages to be lost.

“I was trying to change the password on the desktop, and I accidentally deleted the username, so our PDF’s that we were supposed to send to the publisher got lost,” Anderson said.

“I wasn’t really thinking when I was doing it.”

After making the yearbook pages with design software, staff members convert page files to PDF and send those files to Walsworth for printing.

Anderson claims he finished the yearbook in May after the staff missed several deadlines. After graduation, Anderson moved to Nashville to begin work as an e-commerce representative, leaving the recovery of the PDF’s and the yearbook

in the hands of the new editorial staff.

Anderson said he is sorry that the yearbook was not finished under his watch.

“I personally am horrified,” Anderson said.

“I knew when I was leaving in May that they wouldn’t get it in when school got out, and that sucked because I worked really hard on it.”

As far as when the yearbook will be ready, Parrish is “not really sure.”

“I cannot give a definite answer until the primary computer is repaired,” Parrish said.

However, staff members have told Parrish, who is also an instructor in the UTM Department of Communications, that many of the pages have been completed, but they cannot be accessed and sent to the printer.

This year’s delay comes on the heels of a similar delay in 2003-2004, which forced *The Spirit* staff to mail the yearbooks to graduated seniors. Last year’s yearbook was not made available until the middle of the fall semester after the

staff failed to meet deadlines.

Last year’s yearbook staff told *The Pacer* that they would correct their mistakes and try to get the 2004-2005 yearbook finished on time.

Dr. Robert Nanney, Communications department chair, said he regrets the delay.

“We want to get it here just as quickly as everybody else,” Nanney said.

“We’re trying to find out what’s happening.”

When the yearbook is published, it will be the second time *The Spirit* will be published behind schedule since a yearbook fee was instituted in 2002.

The fee was approved in a student referendum during the Student Government Association elections.

Each full-time undergraduate student pays \$8.50 per semester to finance the school yearbook. Last year, more than \$78,500 was raised from student fees.

Student staff members are paid according to the work

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Summer Wrap

Student killed in Florida bulldozer accident

UTM student Kyle Toon, 19, was killed on July 6 when the bulldozer he was working near ran over him.

He was an engineering major from Union City.

Toon was taking part in a summer internship program at the Anastasia State Park near St. Augustine, Fl. The project centered around beach rebuilding and renourishment. The project’s aim was to distribute 840,000 cubic yards of sand along 2.5 miles of beachfront. It was Toon’s last day on the project when

the accident occurred.

Toon was laying down survey stakes along the beach when the bulldozer driver lost sight of him, police say.

Toon was about 75 yards away from the water line when the accident happened.

“[Toon] bent over putting stakes in the ground when the bulldozer driver never saw him,” Detective John Olson told WTLV-TV.

“By the time the bulldozer driver warned an eyewitness to this thing and backed off it was already too late.”

Summer graduates hear ‘five success strategies’

Ted Welch, UTM alumnus and owner of Nashville’s Ted Welch Investments in Nashville, delivered the graduation address for summer commencement on August 14.

Welch offered five “universal” strategies that graduates can use as they pursue work in the fast-paced world of work.

He advised the graduates to have faith in their coworkers, not to worry about things they have no control over, to continue to learn and to “be a positive influence in whatever you wind up being in [their] profession.”

Welch told graduates that by adhering to his five strategies, graduates would be able to live in our high-tech world that requires operating at 100 percent capacity.

Welch graduated from the Martin branch of UT in 1955.

Chancellor Nick Dunagan and UT President John Petersen were on hand to confer degrees.

Gresham named UTNAA ‘distinguished professor’

Dr. Jerry Gresham was named the recipient of a UT National Alumni Association Alumni Distinguished Service professor.

According to University Relations, the professor must “demonstrate effectiveness in teaching and distinction in a subject matter or professional field as evidenced by publications or other appropriate demonstrations of distinction.”

Gresham is the chair of the UTM Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and has been teaching at the university since 1973.

“Jerry gives 110 percent to his teaching and his leadership,” said Chancellor Nick Dunagan.



Gresham

Gresham also directs the Tennessee Governor’s School for Agriculture, a selective program for high school students held in Martin each summer.

Gresham won the Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award in 2003.

Gresham will receive a \$3,000 award as an annual salary supplement until he retires.

UTM graduate to serve as system-wide trustee

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen appointed UTM graduate Joseph Sturdivant to serve a one-year term on the UT Board of Trustees on July 27.

The board oversees four campuses, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Martin and the UT Health Sciences Center in addition to three special research facilities. The UT system enrolls 42,000 students and has a budget of \$1.4 billion.

At UTM, Sturdivant earned a bachelor’s degree in biology and graduated summa cum laude.

Sturdivant is currently a medical school student at the UT Health Sciences Center in Memphis. He serves on the medical school’s executive council and on the Biological Science Subcommittee.

Sturdivant will serve with fellow student Amy Prevost, a marketing major from UT Chattanooga.

Student representatives serve one-year terms on the board.

Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer’s “Campus Bulletin Board” section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Bible study

The Reformed University Fellowship will meet tonight at 8:00 p.m. in UC 111.

SAC comedian

The Student Activities Council will present Diane Eagle as part of the 909 Comedy Series at 9:09 p.m. tonight. Free admission.

Dave Evans

The SAC will kick off its “Nooner” series on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the UC cafeteria.

Intramural softball

Campus Recreation is beginning to register teams for season’s intramural softball leagues. Captains and free agents will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the Elam Center. Cost is \$25. Call 881-7745 for more information.

Monday night football party

The SAC will host a football party at 7 p.m. on Monday in the UC gameroom.

Cornstalk ‘05

The second annual Cornstalk music festival will take place at 3 p.m. on Sept. 10. Organizers tout it as “an all-day event full of face-rockin’ music” in Dyer. Chairs, blankets and coolers allowed. Free admission. Visit www.myspace.com/cornstalk for more information.

Delay: Continued from Cover

Once B Building is completed, C, D, E and then A Buildings will follow.

Nipp said that C, D, and E Buildings are in various stages of completion; however, A Building poses as the most work with sheet rock still needing to be put up. Nipp hopes that there will not be a long time lag in the completion of each building and that the entire University Village will be completed before the beginning of next semester.

Although this delay could not have been prevented, several students were already planning to move into the apartments this fall.

Wright said that students were notified on July 25 that they would be staying rent-free in McCord Hall until their building in University Village is completed. He continued by saying, "We [Department of Housing] have attempted to meet some of the difficulties."

This includes twin-size sheets, a \$10 laundry card and a refrigerator/freezer/microwave combo being provided.

For some students, the change in living arrangements was not a big deal; however, for others, it was.

"I was upset because I have already lived in the dorm," said Katie Lyn Besley, a sophomore from Lawrenceburg. "They kind of waited to the last minute to inform us about the situation."

Wright said that general letters consisting of how the situation was being assist-

ed were sent out prior to student arrival.

There was also concern from some students that the university informed them of the situation after the deadline purposefully to keep them from becoming a resident and receive a full refund.

In response to this, Wright said, "There was absolutely no attempt to bypass a deadline." He continued by saying that the university honestly believed that University Village would be completed on time. He also said that the Department of Housing was more than willing to work with students. Freshman and sophomores, although they are not allowed to live off campus, had the option of switching to one of the other halls. The Department of Housing also worked with juniors and seniors if they wished to move off campus.

"It's a disappointment, but I'm not upset. I'm really excited to leave McCord and go there [University Village],"said Kristen Pruitt, a freshman from Cordova.

While University Village is not yet complete, it still promises to provide students with outstanding living accommodations until completion.

"Thank you," Wright said to the future residents of University Village. "I know it has been stressful. However, this has been a wonderful example of UTM spirit from both students and parents."

Rank: Continued from Cover

Dunagan also said improvement in student retention is due in part to the university's Student Success Center which offers advising support, career services and other initiatives designed to help students succeed.

U.S. News determines the rankings based on information gathered from various sources such as the Council for Aid to Education Information is also gathered from surveys completed by the institutions.

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they complete, Parrish said. Therefore, if a staff member fails to complete a page, he or she does not get paid until it is done.

Last year's yearbook cost \$60,000 to print, but *The Spirit* had to pay \$3,115.99 in postage to send the yearbook to graduated seniors. Administrators anticipate having to pay postage yet again to send the yearbook to last year's fall and spring graduates.

In May, the UTM Publications Committee approved Rebecca Dailey and Kim Ferrell as the co-editors for the 2005-2006

school year. Parrish said the first priority for the new leadership will be finishing the 2004-2005 edition of *The Spirit*.

"What held us up last year was student photos," said Kim Ferrell, the new co-editor. "We're going to see to that first this year."

Ferrell blames "bad communication" for last year's delay and said that she and Dailey are taking steps to ensure more timely completion of this year's.

"I can guarantee that the 2006 yearbook will be here on time," Ferrell said.



Police Report

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7:21 a.m., August 22
University Courts

A student reported some property stolen from his vehicle.

8:13 a.m., August 22
Cooper Hall

A fire alarm sounded. MFD and officers responded. It was determined to be a false alarm. The system was reset.

2:35 p.m., August 22
Administration Building

Jeffrey Trim was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

6:40 p.m., August 22
Moody Street

A student reported that their vehicle was involved in a hit and run accident. Report on file.

7:05 p.m., August 22
Cooper Hall

A fire alarm sounded. MFD and officers responded. It was determined to be a false alarm. The system was reset.

7:33 a.m., August 23
Off campus-South

Assited MPD with a traffic accident investigation.

10:09 a.m., August 23
Brehm Hall

A fire alarm sounded. MFD and officers responded. It was determined to be a false alarm. The system was reset.

1:19 p.m., August 23
Administration Building

There was a report of a student feeling faint. EMS responded; however, the victim refused transport to the hospital. The victim was transported to Student Health.

3:35 a.m., August 24
McCord Hall

A student reported suffering from a severe sore throat. The victim was transported to the hospital and was then later transported back to the dorm.

8:01 a.m., August 24
Off campus-North

Linda Stockman was issued a citation for failure to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.

8:44 a.m., August 24
Browning Hall

A student reported that their vehicle was involved in a hit and run accident. Investigating. Continued.

11:13 a.m., August 24
Administration Building

Assisted a student who had fallen down some stairs. The student requested that EMS not respond.

12:11 a.m., August 26
Lot 9-McCord Hall

Nicholas Maness was issued two misdemeanor citations for simple pos-

session of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

2:17 a.m., August 26
McCord Hall

Taylor Jones and Alexander David were referred to Student Affairs for a first offense, underage alcohol violation.

8:55 a.m., August 26
Unknown

An employee reported that they had lost a university key somewhere off of campus. Report on file.

11:42 p.m., August 26
Cooper Hall

Received notification that a fire alarm was sounding. It was determined to be a false alarm by officers and MFD. The system was reset.

4:44 p.m., August 26
Lot 6 - Crisp Hall

Traffic accident involving two vehicles. Report on file.

9:16 a.m., August 28
University Courts

There was a report of a missing bicycle.

6:47 p.m., August 28
Lot 13-Cooper/Clement

Traffic accident involving two vehicles. Report on file.

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Martin leaves you no reason to complain of boredom

Ying Yang Twins just part of the entertainment that Martin has to offer this year

Rachel Rogers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

So Martin may be a small-sized town with only one Wal-Mart and no Starbucks, but that doesn't mean there's nothing to do around here.

Martin has plenty to offer in the way of entertainment. With four major night spots and within driving distance of a few major cities, you have no reason to spend Friday night in your dorm room watching Will & Grace reruns with the excuse of 'there's nothing to do around here.'

For one thing, check out the Ying Yang Twins right here on the campus of UTM. The rap stars, probably most famous for their collaboration with Lil' John and the Eastside Boyz known as 'Get Low,' will be visiting our very own Elam Center. This will be the first time UTM has hosted a concert for the students since Tennessee natives Fuel were here in 2001. They will be here on at 8 p.m., Sat., Sept. 17. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 at the Information Desk in the UC.

For those of you whose musical

tastes lie elsewhere, Bryan Hayes and the Retrievers will be making an appearance. Made up of three former UTM students, the musicians have received praise from the Commercial Appeal as 'a country cousin to Tom Petty.' They will be at the Stables on Sept. 17.

Don't forget Martin's slew of local bands! You can usually check out some of your classmates at the Stables on the weekends. For example, Seven Signs, made up of all UTM students, will be hitting the stage on Sept. 9.

If you don't mind making the drive and are willing to sleep through the next day's classes, Ozzfest is celebrating it's 10th anniversary by hitting the stage in Nashville on Wed., Aug. 31. Bands like the original Black Sabbath, Rob Zombie, Velvet Revolver, Black Label Society and other bands will showcase their talents in an all day concert at Nashville's Starwood Amphitheatre.

For those of you with a taste for more low-key entertainment, UTM offers a free movie to students every Wed. and Fri. night here in Watkins Auditorium. Also, the Comedy Series begins at 7 p.m., Sept. 1 on the patio.

A guest artist exhibit featuring Jack Troy will open in the Fine Arts Building at 5 p.m., Sept. 6 and will run through Sept. 9.

Another way to help fight boredom on the weekends when all of your friends are gone are Martin's

'swinging hot spots.'

If you're looking for a somewhat quiet place where you can sit and hang out with your friends, check out Cadillac's. Dress code is casual, with most people showing up in something that looked like it came strait off the American Eagle rack.

The Watering Hole is a popular spot for pool players. This is also a great place to hang out with your friends. Dress code is usually whatever you wore to class that day.

Cheers has something to offer everyone. The front part offers TVs and pool tables. But walk into the back and things are vastly different. Here you can find a dance floor, a bar and karaoke for the brave folks. Dress code is anything you want to wear. It ranges from regular street clothes to barely-there tops and skirts that don't leave much to the imagination.

The Stables is more famous for its music than for its drinking. But it's still a great place to hang out with your friends. Dress code is casual.

So no matter if it's a bunch of guys head banging, or wandering around looking at a bunch of paintings, you can be sure that there will be something here to keep you from complaining to your friends that Martin is 'boring.'



D-Roc and Kaine, otherwise known as the Ying-Yang Twins, will be coming to Martin on September 17th



Heath Ledger and Matt Damon play Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm in the new movie *The Brothers Grimm*, directed by Terry Gilliam.

Grimm adventure awaits in new movie

Rachel Rogers
A&E Editor

Do you remember all of those fairy tales that you used to hear when you were a child? Do you have fond memories of your mother reading you "Little Red Riding Hood" or "Rapunzel"? Did you ever wonder where those stories came from?

In *The Brothers Grimm*, those questions are finally answered.

The story takes place in French occupied Germany in 1796. We are introduced to two brothers, Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, played by Heath Ledger and Matt Damon. The two travel around the countryside making themselves famous and rich by tracing local folklore and vanquishing evil witches and trolls. However, the two are merely con-artists, playing on suppressions and faking the entire thing.

Their lucrative business soon comes to an end when the French capture them and demand their services. In a local forest, nine little girls are missing. Two of the girls happen to be Little Red Riding Hood and Gretel, who with her brother Hansel, went into the forest to find the missing girls. The French believe that it is someone like the Grimm brothers, playing on the local belief that the forest is

enchanted. His offer: if the brothers will go into the forest with some of his French soldiers and find out who is kidnapping the girls and stop them, then the brothers will be granted amnesty.

Jacob and Will agree and soon find themselves in a small town filled with paranoia and fear. Thinking that the culprit is simply another con-artist like themselves, they bravely claim that they will venture into the forest and bring the girls back safely. They need only one thing: a guide. The locals point to a strange character known as the Trapper, a beautiful young woman named Angelika who has lost both of her sisters to the mysterious forest.

And so they head out into the enchanted forest.

Almost immediately, they can tell that something is not right. Trees appear to move on their own. Unearthly howls shatter the air. Strange crows gather above to watch them. Their horses will not go any farther. and, in the middle of the forest, is a strange tower.

Angelika tells the story of how, long ago, a Christian king built a large castle in the forest. He and his wife, who was very beautiful--and very vain---lived there as they ruled over the kingdom.

Until the plague came. The king was the first to

die. The queen quickly built a tower high above the village so that she would not catch the plague. There she sat, day after day, looking at herself in the mirror and brushing her long, long hair. But the queen forgot that the plague could be carried by the wind and it wasn't long before she fell victim.

While Will, the practical one, refuses to believe that there's anything supernatural going on, Jake, the scholar, remembers an old fairy tale that had all of the same elements. Finally, he is able to get into the tower and realizes that the queen is still there. He realizes that before she died, she had stolen all of the spells from the village. One of those spells was for eternal life.

But not eternal youth.

They soon realize that, on the night of the blood moon, the queen must drink the blood of twelve young girls in order to once again become young and powerful. And only the Brothers Grimm, with the help of a few friends, can stop her.

So next time you pick up a copy of "Little Red Riding Hood," or decide to read "Cinderella" to your young niece, you may find yourself asking: are fairy tales real?

Next-Gen Console War to 'Up the Ante' for Game Developers

James Baker
Entertainment Writer

With the upcoming releases of the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and the Nintendo Revolution, the console wars are heating up again. Anyone who watched E3 (Electronic Entertainment Expo) coverage this spring knows that this time around, things are going to get messy. With Sony's continued dominance, Microsoft being thrown into the foray and Nintendo's lackluster third party performance with both the Gamecube and its granddaddy the 64 it's anyone's guess what gaming experiences may come.

Aside from fan boys throwing down over who's got the better controller, perhaps the most interesting development of the console wars will be the new gaming concepts and perhaps even new genres created by the pressure put on developers to create new and innovative ways to game.

With the PS3's new "Cell" processor said to have 2 teraflops of floating point overall system performance and a graphics processor running at 550mhz, not to mention the 360's ability to draw 500 million triangles per second and its 20 gigabyte hard drive,

Next-Gen Console Breakdown	
PlayStation 3 Launch Date - March 15, 2006	XBox 360 Launch Date - November 4, 2005
PowerPC-base Core @3.2GHz 512KB L2 cache 7 x SPE @3.2GHz 7 x 128b 128 SIMD GPR Graphics Processor - 550MHz Computing power of 2 teraflops	Three symmetrical cores running at 3.2 GHz each 1 MB L2 cache 500 million triangles per second 20GB hard drive 1 teraflop of Overall Floating-Point Performance
Nintendo Revolution <small>As always, Nintendo remains tight-lipped about its newest console's spec's leaving us in the gaming community to speculate. There were rumors that it featured a dual 1.8GHz PowerPC-based setup with 512KB L2 cache, 1.2GHz FSB, 600MHz ATI graphics chip with 12MB SRAM and that it features a 6GB DVD disk format. But if you think about it, these spec's can be dismissed quite easily: 1. most all dual-layer DVD's have 8GB of storage and 2. it would be very hard to fit two processors in the Revolution's tiny body. I'm when they're announced sure the spec's will be competitive but overshadowed by the PS3's and 360's.</small>	

video game graphics will reach a new plateau. This means that most games on both systems will have very similar looking graphics, regardless of specs. (The human eye really can't tell the difference between 450 and 500 million triangles.) In turn, this will mean that flashy graphics alone will not sell games anymore, as most will have nearly identical graphics. That's one less crutch for developers to lean on when trying to make a game that sells.

This will force developers to create new gameplay elements and perhaps even new genres never before thought of.

As for who will come out on top of the console wars, it's a tough call as there is

not much to go on from Nintendo, but it is my prediction that pending miracle killer apps from both Microsoft and Nintendo (and by that I mean something besides Halo 3 and Katamari Damacy 2), Sony will continue their dominance.

Microsoft can afford to stay in the game for a few more consoles regardless of profits, because hey, they're Microsoft. However, the Revolution may go the way of Dreamcast and be Nintendo's last console release if they can't get their act together and get some serious third party support.

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Wars of the Worlds invades theaters

Elizabeth Watts
Viewpoints Editor

The summer is known for being the season when major movies are released. I thought *War of the Worlds* was great.

War of the Worlds stars Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning. Cruise plays a father who has his daughter, Fanning, and his son visiting on the weekend in New York City. All of a sudden, alien machines with long metal legs erupt from under the streets. At first, people don't know what to think, but when the aliens start turning innocent human beings into a fine white dust, all hell breaks loose.

War of the Worlds follows Cruise and his family as they run around the Northeastern United States in a stolen van to escape

the monsters. At many times, they are stuck in a basement while these machines destroy everyone. At one point, Cruise and Fanning are hiding in a man's basement. The man, played by Tim Robbins, has lost his mind because of the attack. Robbins tries to convince Cruise to fight against the machines. However, in a suspenseful moment, Cruise, Fanning and Robbins fight for their lives as the aliens invade the basement. They run from the aliens in a basement no bigger than a dorm using tricks with mirrors. After the aliens leave, Robbins tries to dig a tunnel in the bottom of the basement. Cruise knows that he's making too much noise and tells Fanning to hold her ears as Cruise shuts the lunatic up for

good. As *War of the Worlds* starts out, the relationship between Cruise and his children are strained at best. However, as the movie ends, Cruise and his family reconcile and live happily ever after. Of course, I can't tell you everything that happened in the movie, but Cruise and Fanning are captured.

War of the Worlds, directed by Steven Spielberg, is a remake of the H.G. Wells' classic novel. I thought that the movie was good and that Fanning is by far the best child actress of her time. Fanning has been in movies such as *Sweet Home Alabama*, *Man on Fire*, and *Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat*. The one thing that outshines the actors is the special effects. Of course, you

can't have a Spielberg movie without special effects, but these are mesmerizing. The lighting storm at the beginning of the movie is especially good. Even though this movie came out to mixed reviews, I would recommend *War of the Worlds*. If you want to see a movie that has great special effects and a wonderful storyline, watch this movie.

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No Excuse ... No Explanation ... No Surrender

Skyhawks look to show improvement with 21 returning starters as the 2005 football season gets underway

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

Skyhawk quarterback Brady Wahlberg's biggest opponent the past two seasons hasn't been the teams he's been playing against; it's been his health. Playing in just eight games in each of the last two years, one of the major concerns is how to keep him on the field for all 11.

"We have a bigger offensive line this season," said head coach Matt Griffin of the efforts to keep Wahlberg healthy. "We're much stronger and a little deeper than before. The strength coach has really made a difference with those guys."

Looking to improve upon last year's efficiency rating of 103.27, Wahlberg knows that he has to make changes himself; it's not all up to his line.

"I've rehabbed all summer," said Wahlberg. "I've worked out in the weight room a lot. I need to be smarter and be able to get down when the linebackers are coming at me. I need to be able to slide and get out of the way."

Wahlberg serves as one of four

team captains, all seniors, for the 2005 season. Joining him are defensive end Andre Plummer, offensive lineman Jody Womble and free safety Chad McMahan, who like Wahlberg, has had to make changes in the offseason.

"I've moved from rover to free safety this year," McMahan. "It's basically the quarterback of the defense. I think the Coaches put me back there because I have a good knowledge of our defense after starting the past couple years."

"I have to get everyone in line, as far as strengths. I give the coverages and exactly what is everyone is expected to do every play. The position that I played last year didn't have as much commu-

nication as now," McMahan said.

Despite being picked to finish 9th in the OVC, people are taking notice of the improvements that Skyhawk football has made during Griffin's three-year tenure at UTM.

Five Skyhawks were named to the All-OVC Preseason Team for the 1st time in school history.

UTM's five players were the second most of any school in the conference; only Eastern Illinois had more with six.

These players are sophomore tailback Donald Chapman, junior wide receiver Taurean Stephens, senior cornerback Jason Coleman, Plummer and junior linebacker Markeseo Jackson.

"It is a great honor to have five players named to this preseason team," Griffin said. "All five are outstanding young men with great character. But, [it doesn't] mean anything. The postseason accolades are what matter. And if we get out there and win games, they'll come."

Each of the five preseason picks finished among the conference leaders in their respective categories.

Chapman, who was the 2004 OVC Freshman of the Year, finished fourth in the league in rushing yards with a school record 1,084 and finished 15th nationally in rushing with 108.4 yards per game. "He possesses the ability to get the tough yards," said Skyhawk offensive coordinator Mickey Fein. "He's definitely the [player] that on the 3rd- or 4th-and-short that you want to get the ball."

Stephens earned 2nd team All-OVC honors last season after hav-

ing 67 catches for 732 yards to rank second and third in the league, respectively, in receptions and receiving yardage. Stephen also finished tied for 18th in the nation in receptions (6.7 per game).

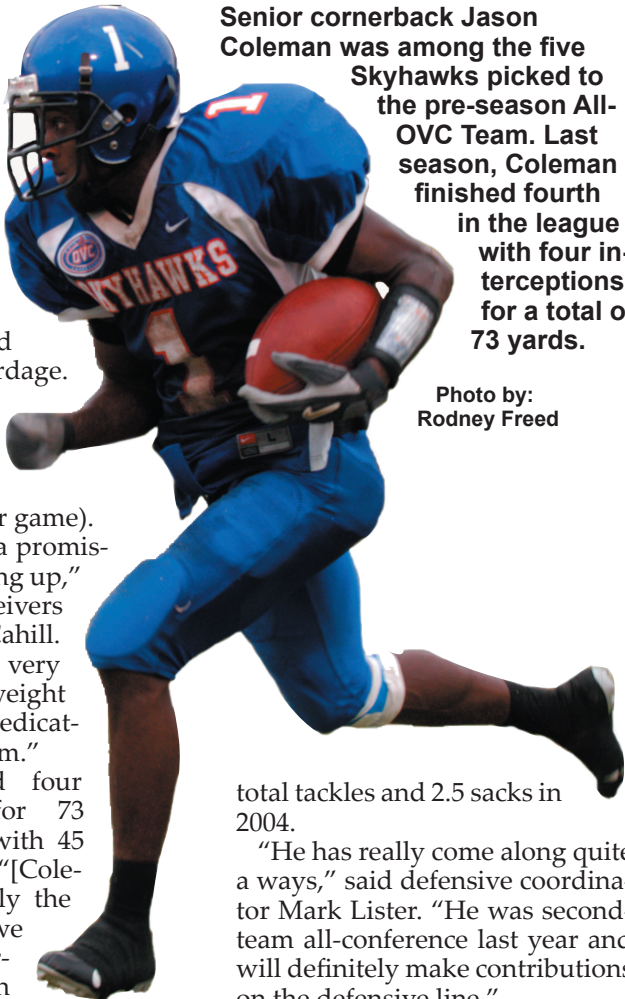
"Taurean has a promising season coming up," said wide receivers coach Kevin Cahill. "He's worked very hard in the weight room and he's dedicated to the program."

Coleman had four interceptions for 73 yards in 2004 with 45 solo tackles. "[Coleman] is probably the best tackler we have," said cornerbacks coach Matt Wise. "He has the physically abilities for man coverage ... can play great zone coverage ... and he recognizes route combinations and is mentally the best in the group."

Plummer finished tied for fifth in the league last season in tackles with ten for 29 yards. He had 46

Senior cornerback Jason Coleman was among the five Skyhawks picked to the pre-season All-OVC Team. Last season, Coleman finished fourth in the league with four interceptions for a total of 73 yards.

Photo by:
Rodney Freed



total tackles and 2.5 sacks in 2004.

"He has really come along quite a ways," said defensive coordinator Mark Lister. "He was second-team all-conference last year and will definitely make contributions on the defensive line."

Rounding out the Skyhawks picked for the preseason team is Jackson, who finished an impressive second in the nation in solo tackles (6.73 per game), tied for 9th in forced fumbles (0.36 per

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2005 Ohio Valley Conference Opponent Previews



Sept. 17 • Noon
Martin

TSU returns 16 starters, including wide receiver Fred Burnette who finished fourth in the OVC in receiving average with 56.7 yards per game and quarterback Bryson Rosser who passed for 1,129 yards with 10 touchdowns, completing 48.3 percent of his passes and allowing only six interceptions. The Tigers were picked to finish seventh in the OVC in the preseason poll.

- Location: Nashville
- Stadium: The Coliseum
- Mascot: Tigers
- Colors: Blue & White
- Coach: James Webber

- 2004 Overall Record: 4-2
- 2004 OVC Record: 2-5
- Finished 8th in OVC

- Offense: Multiple, Pro-Set
- Defense: 4-3
- Last year, TSU defeated UTM, 27-13, in Martin.



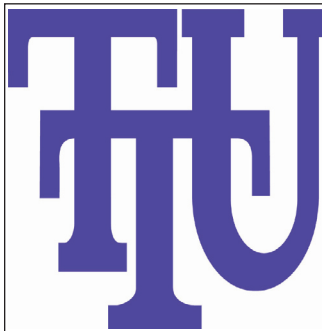
Oct. 29 • 6 p.m.
Charleston, Ill.

EIU returns 19 starters this season, the second most after UTM. Among them is cornerback Ben Brown who intercepted five passes and knocked down 16 passes to earn a ranking of 5th in the nation in passes defended. Also returning is defensive end Kory Lothe. Lothe was tied for first in the league with six sacks in 2004 and was also tied for fifth place with 9.5 tackles for a loss. The Panthers were picked to finish fourth in the OVC preseason poll.

- Location: Charleston, Ill.
- Stadium: O'Brien Stadium
- Mascot: Panthers
- Colors: Blue and Grey

- Coach: Bob Spoo
- 2004 Overall Record: 5-6
- 2004 OVC Record: 4-4
- Finished t-4th

- Offense: Multiple, Pro-Set
- Defense: 4-3
- Last year, UTM defeated EIU, 34-12, in Martin.




Oct. 8 • 2 p.m. (Homecoming)
Martin

TTU returns 15 starters, most noticeably defensive end Yusuf Sharif who was added to the 1st team All-OVC after ranking third in the conference in sacks with 4.5 and third in tackles for a loss with 13. Sharif had 56 tackles total and also had three forced fumbles. Also returning is running back Trey Bonner who led the team with 795 total yards (72.3 per game) and seven touchdowns. The Golden Eagles are predicted to finish fifth in the OVC.

- Location: Cookeville
- Stadium: Tucker Stadium
- Mascot: Golden Eagles
- Colors: Purple & Gold
- Coach: Mike Hennigan

- 2004 Overall Record: 6-5
- 2004 OVC Record: 3-4
- Finished 5th in OVC

- Offense: Multiple
- Defense: Multiple
- Last year, TSU defeated UTM, 49-20, in Cookeville.




Nov. 5 • Noon
Martin

The recently-renamed Redhawks have 15 starters coming back. Ranked second nationally, punter David Simonhoff returns after earning All-American honors with an OVC-record 46.0 punting average. Simonhoff picked up a total of 3,174 yards on 69 attempts. Also returning is wide receiver Jamel Oliver who finished fourth the conference in receptions (4.5 pg) and ninth in all-purpose yardage (91.8 ypg). SEMO was picked to finish eighth this season.

- Location: Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- Stadium: Houck Stadium
- Mascot: Redhawks
- Colors: Red and Black

- Coach: Mike Hennigan
- 2004 Overall Record: 3-8
- 2004 OVC Record: 3-5
- Finished t-6th in OVC

- Offense: One Back
- Defense: Multiple
- Last year, SEMO defeated UTM, 35-7, in Cape Girardeau




Oct. 15 • 4 p.m.
Jacksonville, Ala.

Defending OVC Champs, JSU returns quarterback Maurice Mullins who led the league with an impressive pass efficiency rating of 146.61 and threw for 1,367 yards and six touchdowns. Also among their 15 total starters coming back is return specialist Craig Agee who led the OVC and the nation with a punt return average of 20.5 yards on 18 carries for a total of 369 yards in 2004. The Gamecocks were picked to finish first in the OVC again.

- Location: Jacksonville, Ala.
- Stadium: Paul Snow Memorial Stadium
- Mascot: Gamecocks

- Colors: Red & Black
- Coach: Jack Crowe
- 2004 Overall Record: 9-2
- 2004 OVC Record: 3-4
- Finished 1st in OVC

- Offense: Multiple
- Defense: 5-2
- Last year, JSU defeated UTM, 59-12, in Martin.




Nov. 12 • 12:30 p.m.
Richmond, Ky.

EKU has just 13 returning starters for the 2005. Among the returners to watch is Andre Ralston who ranked fifth in the OVC in receiving yards (611) and accounted for five TDs on 36 catches. Senior linebacker Jerome Jones comes back after finishing third in the league with 113 tackles including 57 solo stops. He also led the OVC with 15 tackles for a loss and had 2.5 sacks. The Colonels were voted to finish in the second place spot this season.

- Location: Richmond, Ky.
- Stadium: Roy Kidd Stadium
- Mascot: Colonels
- Colors: Maroon & White

- Coach: Danny Hope
- 2004 Overall Record: 6-5
- 2004 OVC Record: 6-2
- Finished t-2nd in OVC

- Offense: Spread
- Defense: 4-3
- Last year, EKV defeated UTM, 41-14, in Martin.




Oct. 22 • Noon
Martin

Samford has 17 returning starters for 2005. Linebacker Steve Tennin was the team's second leading tackler with 78 last season. Tennin was tied for 7th in the OVC with nine tackles for a loss and finished second in the league for with four fumble recoveries. Wide receiver Ossie Buchannon comes back after collecting a total of 400 yards with a touchdown on 43 carries in 2004. The Bulldogs are predicted to finish the season in sixth place.

- Location: Birmingham, Ala.
- Stadium: Seibert Stadium
- Mascot: Bulldogs
- Colors: Red & Blue

- Coach: Bill Gray
- 2004 Overall Record: 4-7
- 2004 OVC Record: 3-5
- Finished t-6th in OVC

- Offense: Multiple
- Defense: Multiple
- Last year, Samford defeated UTM, 34-20, in Birmingham.



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MSU has the fewest starters coming back from the 2004 season with 10 total, only two of which are on defense. Cornerback Onsha Whittaker topped the OVC with seven interceptions last season and finished ninth nationally in passes defended (1.55pg). Also returning is running back Nick Turner who finished fourth in the OVC in both punt return (9.4 ypg) and all purpose yardage (123.0 ypg). The Racers were picked to finish the season in third place.

- Location: Murray, Ky.
- Stadium: Roy Stewart Stadium
- Mascot: Racers
- Colors: Navy & Gold

- Coach: Mike Hennigan
- 2004 Overall Record: 7-4
- 2004 OVC Record: 6-2
- Finished t-2nd in OVC

- Offense: One-back, Multiple
- Defense: 8-man front
- Last year, MSU defeated UTM, 38-0, in Murray.

Soccer gets first win, looks to home opener

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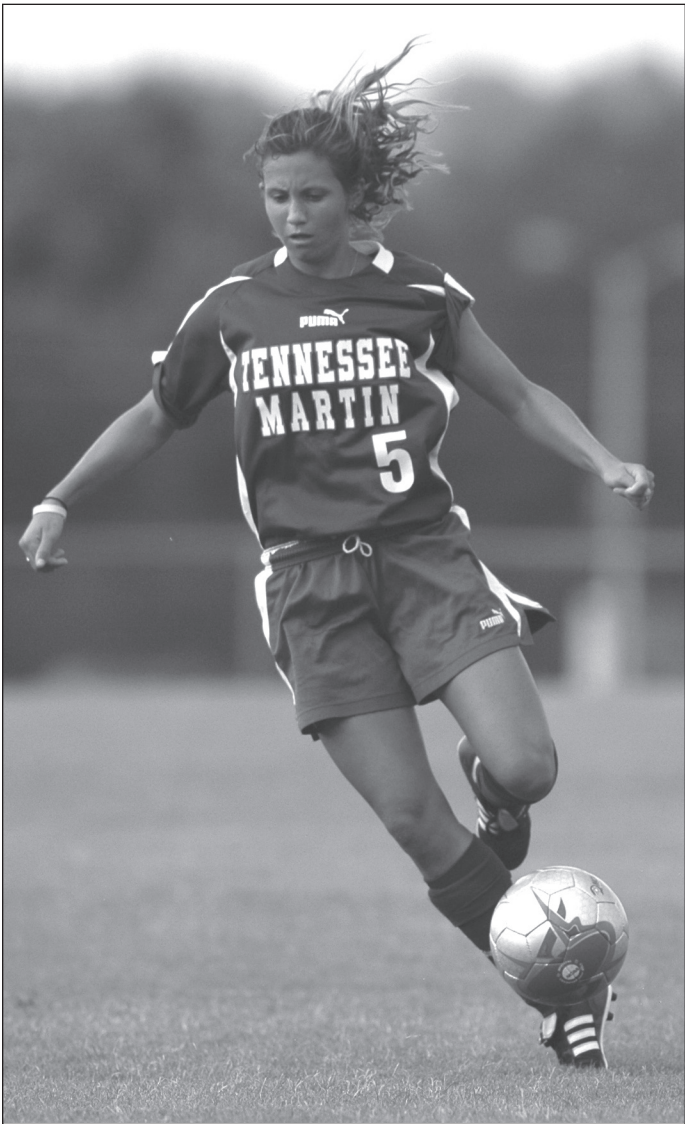
The Skyhawk soccer team opened the 2005 season by winning one of two games during the Waterfront Classic in Monroe, La.

UTM opened the tournament by dropping a game to the Ladies of Centenary College by a score of 2-1. Centenary was incredibly proficient scoring their two goals on only four shot attempts, while UTM was only able to connect once with their 27 shot attempts when sophomore midfielder Katie Behrens netted a shot in the 80th minute.

UTM had an excellent opportunity to tie the game in the last 30 seconds of the match, but a shot off the foot of Jamie Ohlheiser was marvously saved by Centenary goaltender Sarah Balkey.

UTM faced tournament host Louisiana-Monroe on Sunday afternoon, where forward Katie Jackson got assists from both Kindal Keim and team co-captain Lindsey Tilk as she connected on two goals during a six minute span in the second half to give the Skyhawks their first win of the season. Goaltender Megan Dempsey added six saves as she earned her first shutout of this season, and the seventh of her career.

The Skyhawks will return to action on Wednesday as they face the Lady Mocs of UT Chattanooga, opening their home schedule at Skyhawk Field. The Lady Mocs make the trek across Tennessee after a season opening 4-1 loss to Clemson



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University on Friday, and traveling to Eastern Kentucky only to have the game canceled due to severe weather. As severe weather also threatens Wednesday's game, UTM will attempt to avenge last year's season opening 4-1 loss to UTC in which the Mocs jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. UTM will look to return the favor as action kicks off on Skyhawk Field at 4 p.m.

On Friday, the Skyhawks will travel to Springfield, Mo. as they take on the

Bears of Southwest Missouri State. The Bears come off two early season wins and a match up with the Kansas Jayhawks. UTM will be looking for its first win over Southwest Missouri after playing to a 1-1 tie in 2003.

For more information on the Skyhawk Women's Soccer team log onto www.utmsports.com and watch for next week's issue of The Pacer for a full preview of the 2005 Skyhawk Soccer season.

SKYHAWK OF THE WEEK

Women's soccer senior forward Katie Jackson played an invaluable role in the Skyhawks win over the University of Louisiana-Monroe this past weekend. During the second half, she scored two goals within a six minute span, which lead to UTM getting their first win of the season. Jackson quickly returned to the scoring role she had grown accustomed to, before being plagued with a leg injury throughout last season. This weekend's goals were the 23rd and 24th of her career and the sixth game winner during her time at UTM.



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Senior forward Katie Jackson pushes the ball forward during a recent scrimmage.

Skyhawk volleyball opens 2005 season

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The new look Skyhawk volleyball team and first year head coach Amy Draper traveled to Ohio University where they participated in the Amerihost Hotel Invitational this past weekend.

The Skyhawks fell to Idaho, 3-0 (30-24, 30-20, 30-20), and Ohio, 3-0 (30-10, 30-16, 30-20), on Friday before dropping a 3-0 (30-24, 30-26, 30-17) decision to West Virginia on Saturday.

Junior Tammy Konitzer collected 24 digs over the three matches and was selected to the all-tournament team. Sophomore Morgan Jett posted 40 assists in the tourney.

UTM will look to win its first match of the 2005 season as it takes part in the Memphis Tournament this weekend. The Skyhawks next face Alabama A&M and Arkansas-Little Rock on Friday before taking on Memphis and Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Saturday.

Preseason polls have the Skyhawk volleyball team picked to finish the season 8th overall in the OVC, and sophomore Kathryn Sprague was selected to the pre-season All OVC team.

The Skyhawks will open their home schedule on Sept. 13, as they welcome the Lady Bisons of Lipscomb to the confines of Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

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game) and tied for 19th in total tackles (10.55 per game). He also had three sacks and was named Onamed the Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year in *Lindy's Preseason Football*.

First up for the Skyhawks is the University of Central Arkansas.

The Bears are coming off a season-opening, 51-0, win against East New Mexico last Thursday. "They've scored some points. I've seen their track record," Griffin said. "They're a game ahead of us. They're good on defense and they run very well. I think we'll have our hands full."

After Thursday's game in which they allowed ENMU to gain just 125 yards total, only one of which was passing, it looks like Wahlberg will have the most difficulty against the Bears.

"Without a doubt, they're an excellent team," Wahlberg said. "They do great things on both sides. We need to focus on ourselves. Execution is going to be key in this game."

UCA is a Division II school in UTM's old confer-

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-Brady Wahlberg
Skyhawk Quarterback

ence, the Gulf South. UTM saw much success in the GSC, earning tri-championship honors in 1988.

Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Graham Stadium.

The Skyhawks play two other non-conference games in 2005. The second of the three is against Arkansas State at 6 p.m. Sept. 10 at Indian Stadium in Jonesboro.

After returning home for an OVC contest against Tennessee State, the Skyhawks will then travel to North Carolina to face Gardner-Webb at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in Boiling Springs.

Overall, the team is optimistic about the upcoming season.

"We expect things to be better than they've been," McMahan said. "We definitely have the talent to be better than what people ex-

pect."

"We have really good schemes to best our chances of being successful. There's a different feeling with this team than last year. There's a lot more excitement and a lot more guys excited to win," McMahan said.

"We're looking at a great year this year," Wahlberg said. "Our team chemistry is much better and the attitude of our players has improved so much."

"We have so many play-makers this year like [Stephens], Cole Duncan, and [Chapman] that we will definitely be successful."

To encourage that success, the team's nine seniors, McMahan, Wahlberg, Plummer, Womble, Coleman, Taylor Brown, Joseph Threats, Zac Scott and Rogric Smith, along with Coach Griffin, have adopted the motto of "No excuse ... no explanation ... no surrender."

"We've decided to live by that motto," said Wahlberg. "When we factor in the first two things, we will not surrender. We won't have to."

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